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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed this last December 18, 2002. A response was due this March 18, 2003. A one month extension of time is hereby requested to make the present response due on April 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed in payment of the extension fee.

This response to request for extension of time has been made to maintain the application pending, up to and including Friday, April 18, 2003. A continuation application is being filed on this same day, and it is the intention of the Applicant to let the present application go abandoned as of April 19, 2003.

If there is any matter which needs attention, and if consultation with the undersigned would be of benefit, such would be welcome. The Applicant's undersigned attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number set forth below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of  
Washington this April 18, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
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